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From: Peterson, Cynthia
Sent: Sat 8/15/2015 9:19:05 PM
Subject: RE: Notes from Silverton IMT meeting

OK, so I'm not firing on all cylinders this afternoon, and I ended up having concurrent email threads about this. So... Chris and I had a chance to chat about this as well. Since we don't have much control over our written messaging right now, we may just have to reinforce our desire not to go down a tit-for-tat road with Silverton in conversations.

Rich, I don't know if it would be possible, but as we are talking about our investigations into the root causes of the incident, perhaps some wording could be included that EPA is not looking to find fault with others. I think we should get a legal review of that, but it might help.

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From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 2:29 PM
To: Peterson, Cynthia; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby
Subject: RE: Notes from Silverton IMT meeting

Yes, I'm unaware of any EPA statements that have pointed towards Silverton or ASRG. Perhaps we should point that out or ask what content has been perceived as doing so.

From: Peterson, Cynthia
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 2:25 PM
To: Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; Mylott, Richard
Subject: Fwd: Notes from Silverton IMT meeting

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Peterson, Cynthia" <Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov>
Date: August 15, 2015 at 2:15:04 PM MDT
To: "Wardell, Christopher" <Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Notes from Silverton IMT meeting

Thanks for the update. I'll follow up with you when I get home, but I'm pretty concerned about your conversation with Anthony Edwards. In my experience, he has been reasonable and a good source of information. As far as I know, none of the messages blaming Silverton or Arab have originated with EPA. I would emphasize to h that we have no desire to get into a public blame game with the town or arsg. I'd like to nip that notion in the bud if possible.

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On Aug 15, 2015, at 1:17 PM, Wardell, Christopher <Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov> wrote:

This morning at 9am I attended Silverton IMT meeting. Attendees included sheriff, PIO Anthony Edwards, bill garden, local public health director.

The first item they discussed was having a "business info strike team" to get out prepared statements to business owners on positive messages that the town is open and to alleviate concerns.

They discussed the need to change their public health advisory which currently states it's unsafe to be in water. They will create new signs that reflect current situation. No

new language was agreed upon at this meeting.

They are moving from response to recovery phase of the incident. And staffing down their IC which is very casual to begin with

The IC team will provide a briefing via meeting to silverton/ San Juan county officials on current situation. This meeting will occur Tuesday 8/18 at 630 in town hall. The debated on whether to have a public comment session during the meeting, they will discuss this further at their next IMT meeting on Monday.

They want to continue to promote messages around business and politicians are committed to clean waters locally and down stream. They want to get ahead of this message to stem blowback from downstream communities.

Chris Poulet from ATSDR spoke on their role and that they use EPA and cdphe data analyze and make recommendations via independent public health evaluation.

There was some discussion on whether EPA or usgs has sediment sameness data from cement creek both pre and post event. If not should sample be take ? Or would they open a can of worms they don't want.

After the meeting I met with PIO. He was a little frustrated at the information in news about lack of cooperation and blame being put on silverton and ASRG on past issues. He was hoping this would stop but also indicated they might issue a release talking about conflicts at and within EPA.

Let me know if you have questions on any of this. You can reach me on my cell as well at 303-552-7109. Thanks

This was sent via phone I can't connect to Internet up here yet.

